

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Dear Tim,

The only letters I have read are part of the sentencing memorandum filed by counsel under seal. A number of these are family expressions, which I will respect. Another group has been reviewed and will be available after sentence.

With the application of sentencing guidelines in federal court, letters on behalf or against a defendant have limited application in fashioning an appropriate sentence.

Sincerely,



Edwin M. Kosik  
United States District Judge

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